

# Some Truths Published in England--But Censored Here

Just 1 Copy  
Of Reynolds  
News Gives  
Lie to Press

Bares Some Facts  
Churchill Seeks  
to Hide

In all the miles of cabled dispatches from London which fill up so large a part of American newspapers, are there no evidences of shortcomings in British "democracy"? Are no voices raised for the freedom of India and for friendship with the U.S.S.R.?

At any rate, none gets printed in the controlled American press.

Such items are not on the editorial order list of news wanted from England.

Yet British periodicals themselves are forced to reflect much of the popular discontent, of the bitter class conflict, of the pro-Soviet and anti-imperialist sentiment that the people in England talk of. British newspapers, censored and pro-government though they are, would not dare to conceal from their own people so much of the truth about England as American papers do.

A recent issue of Reynolds News (Nov. 17), widely read London newspaper, which has reached here, throws a spotlight on the British news which American bourgeois editors censor out of our press.

Sample Question No. 1: Is the war considered a democratic crusade in England?

Answer by Reynolds News: A columnist named Yaffle, in an ironic query on "Our Peace Aim," sums it up thus: "(a) Battling for the world's markets was the cause of this war; (b) We must go on after the war battling for the world's markets; (c) Therefore, as soon as this war is over we must start preparing for another one."

Sample Question No. 2: What about the reputed "war collectivism" and "socialism" and "free medical treatment" and "levelling of classes" supposed to be turning England upside down?

Answer by Reynolds News: a) "Civil servants are joining the engineers, ship-building workers and railway men in demanding increased WAGES to meet the rising COST OF LIVING."

b) People are angered by a proposal to use "condemned houses" for poor evacuees from bombed areas, while many well-equipped and empty houses are available.

c) Poor evacuees from London and other towns are kicked out of good quarters in the country by "rich evacuees" who buy the houses and move in.

d) Shelters from air raids are over-crowded, and there are "growing dangers of disease and vermin in public shelters."

e) Sexual disease is increasing in areas where troops are billeted, and "large areas crowded both with troops and civilians, are without any treatment facilities at all."

Sample Question No. 3: What do the common people of England think of the treatment given the colonies by the British imperial rulers? And of Loyalist Spain?

Answer by Reynolds News: a) About Ireland: If Churchill wants sea bases from Ireland, why doesn't he allow a "united Ireland," regardless of "Lord Crispigavan and other Diehards."

b) About Spain: "Does Franco's profession of Christianity atone in Lord Halifax's view for all his lapses

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DEMOCRACY  
IN CANADA

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## Progressive ALP Adopts Program for Peace, Jobs

Starts Drive on Political Patronage, Seeks County Reform

Plans to launch a citywide fight for elimination of useless political jobs through county reform were announced yesterday by the Progressive Committee to Rebuild the American Labor Party, which at the same time made public a program of action embracing issues of peace, social security and the rights of labor.

Progressive ALP leaders announced the creation of a legislative committee, headed by Alfred K. Stern, recent ALP candidate for Congress, to deal with federal, state and municipal affairs and "all matters vitally affecting the interests of the people."

Morris Watson, chairman of the progressive committee, after conferring with Eugene P. Connelly, organization director, and Samuel Blumenk, publications director, and other state and local party leaders, said steps had been taken to hold a series of regional conferences throughout the state to obtain maximum support of the committee's program.

**VITAL PROBLEMS**  
The issues of peace, social security, civil liberties, the rights of labor, discrimination against the foreign born and other minorities, the welfare of the youth, the aged, the farmers and the unemployed.

**Defense Boosts Public Debt to \$45 Billion**  
Army, Navy Spending Amounts to \$1 1/2 Billion

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (UP)—American defense expenditures for the first half of the fiscal year to date \$1,550,000,000, almost one-third of the total expenditures from the general fund, Treasury figures showed today.

Direct defense expenditures have risen steadily since July to approximately \$300,000,000 for October. Total defense expenses for the first six months of the last fiscal year were \$654,000,000.

The Navy led in this year's defense spending with \$177,000,000 compared to \$97,000,000 last year. Comparable figures for the Army

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## 150 Died in Christmas Accidents

109 Killed in Traffic Collisions Through Country

(By United Press)  
Tragedy of sudden death marred the joy of Christmas festivities yesterday as more than 150 persons died violently on the highways, in fires and airplane crashes.

At least 109 persons were killed in traffic accidents. Eleven persons died of burns and 40 perished in other violence. Total deaths early Wednesday night numbered 168.

A single collision at Wausa, Ga., killed seven persons, six of whom were members of two families en route to Christmas festivities. Another collision near Lexington, Neb., killed seven persons.

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## Many Strikes For Pay Rises Hit Shanghai

10,000 Out, Thousands More Affected By Stoppages

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)  
SHANGHAI, Dec. 25.—Swiftly growing movements for wage increases and improved labor conditions today boosted the total number of workers actively participating in strikes here to 10,000, while the number of workers idle because of the stoppages amounts to many times that figure.

This week 5,000 women workers employed in small knitting shops struck for pay increases.

A strike of 300 mechanics and engineers in the textile industry closed down numerous plants employing a total of 30,000 Chinese workers.

More than 800 workers in the flour industry are also on strike.

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## Today Is Last Day in Alien Registration

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (UP)—The Department of Justice tonight issued a final warning that tomorrow (Thursday) is the last day on which aliens may register and be fingerprinted in accordance with the new registration act.

Earl G. Harrison, director of registration, said arrangements had been made with postal officials in the large centers to keep their offices open until midnight to accommodate belated registrants.

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## F.D.R.'s PLAN TO 'REMOVE THE \$ SIGN'—BY EMPTYING THE PEOPLE'S POCKETS

LATEST developments show that President Roosevelt's "loan aid" plan for Britain contains within it all the seeds of American participation in the war abroad and of the destruction of living standards at home.

In the first place, the proposal to give unlimited aid to Britain carries with it the implication that the goods must actually reach Great Britain despite the Nazi blockade. The plan to supply Britain with arms—in itself a virtual act of war—also inevitably leads to an even more certain war step: the convoying by the U. S. Navy of these arms to Britain. In this connection, the United States News in its issue of Dec. 27 declares:

"As a corollary (to the President's 'loan aid' plan) serious consideration is being given to use of the American Navy to assure that goods destined for this country and for Great Britain are not interfered with in the waters of the Western Hemisphere."

It is obvious that with such a development, the plan which is being presented to the American people as a means of keeping the country out of war would mean war itself.

The implications of the President's plan for the internal life of the country are just as clear and just as shocking. First there is the President's super-clever pretense that he is "removing the dollar sign from the question of aid to Britain." Actually the dollar sign looms larger than ever. The same issue of the United States News states that "the American Treasury will pay any bills, regardless of their total. . . . In effect, the United States would agree to pay the cost of the war Britain is fighting, with the question of repayment to be answered in detail after the war is over."

Just who would be paying these bills "regardless of their total"? Not the arms manufacturers, since the whole plan was destined to guarantee without the slightest risk, super-profits for them! No, they will make a huge profit on every item which the government would buy from them for re-shipment and "loan" to Britain. Where then would the money come from? Clearly, from the common people who would

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## Weather

Local—Light rain. Warmer.  
Eastern New York State—Light rains and continued warm.

## U.S. NAVY CHIEFS MANEUVER FOR GRAB OF MARTINIQUE

—by Gropper



Describe French Island As 'Necessary' for Caribbean Chain

TALKS REPORTED Leahy, Envoy to Vichy, Expected to Renew Proposal

(By United Press)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Naval leaders want to use the island of Martinique as a sea and air base and are insisting in the face of French refusals, on efforts to obtain base rights there, well qualified sources disclosed tonight.

Naval strategists contend that a Martinique base is essential to complete the American defense plan in the Caribbean. The island, center of controversy and mystery since the German conquest of France, is a link in the chain of islands athwart southern entrance into the Caribbean.

If the United States had an air base there, the Caribbean could be completely sealed against invasion, expert tacticians told the United Press. They pointed out that even a veritable "Gibraltar" like Puerto Rico can not guarantee the Caribbean and the Panama Canal against penetration unless every channel is brought under surveillance.

It was revealed that informal conversations seeking a leasehold or other rights on the island have been held intermittently, but French officials have politely but definitely rebuffed all advances.

Admiral William D. Leahy, new ambassador to France who is now en route to Vichy aboard the cruiser *Tuscaloosa*, is expected to reopen the conversations. Leahy is an expert on Caribbean defenses. He was supervising the fortification of Puerto Rico, where he was governor, when President Roosevelt chose him for the Vichy post.

ADVANTAGES CITED  
The Navy reportedly is anxious to obtain a site there because Fort De France, the main port, boasts one of the finest harbors in the Lesser Antilles. A deep, protected anchorage would afford shelter for a half dozen large naval vessels while the surrounding hills are adaptable to adequate gun emplacements.

The harbor formation provides a natural runway for heavily laden bombers of naval transport. Comparable facilities are available in only a few other harbors in the lower Caribbean.

The United Press informant said that American naval leaseships recently acquired from Great Britain on Antigua and St. Lucia near Martinique, are of only moderate value, since only small patrol and fighting craft can operate from them. Between Puerto Rico and Trinidad, only Martinique has the necessary physical requirements for a first class base.

Martinique has figured prominently in headlines for several months. The French aircraft carrier *Bearn*, with 100 American-made warplanes on its decks, was crossing the Atlantic when France surrendered to Germany last spring, and on instructions from Vichy promptly put in at Fort De France. The planes were taken ashore, where they have idled ever since. Wheeler, who returned to Washington, said:

"I'm satisfied that a majority of the American people are not for repeal of the Johnson Act or the Neutrality Act, nor for conveying supplies to Britain, nor for leasing guns, battleships or bombers to Britain.

"They know that this is an evasion of the law, and the people are not gullible enough to believe that these materials will ever be returned. They know that if Britain was unable to pay back after the last war, she couldn't replace our property after this one."

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## BULLETIN

### Germans Move More Troops Into Rumania

BUDAPEST, Dec. 25.—The vanguard of new German forces, estimated to be of 300,000 in 20 divisions, began moving through Hungary into Rumania today.

The new troops are reported equipped with tanks, motor transports, artillery and bridge-building equipment.

The Germans have had an estimated 100,000 troops in Rumania. There was no explanation given yet on the purpose of the right-of-way Hungary granted to the troops.

The railway administration of Hungary announced that passenger movement will be drastically restricted. German transport agents are already quartered at Hungarian stations to supervise the transport of troops.

### FDR Dines Royalty On Christmas Day

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (UP)—President and Mrs. Roosevelt attended church services today and then entertained five members of the Norwegian royal family at a Christmas luncheon.

The luncheon guests were Crown Prince Olaf, Crown Princess Martha and their three children. Princess Martha and the children have been living in nearby Maryland for some time. The prince joined them for the holidays, flying from the seat of the refugee Norwegian government in England.

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## HAPPINESS: SOCIALISM'S GIFT TO PEOPLE OF THE U. S. S. R.

## New Year Will Really Mean 'Happy' to Soviet Workers

(This is the second of a series of interviews with noted Soviet citizens.)

By G. Stanley  
(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Dec. 25.—From circus clown to learned member of the Soviet Academy, Soviet citizens are happy to be Soviet citizens, for they find happiness in the Soviet way of life.

Sculptress and woman farmer, Inventor and explorer, composer and actress, all express enthusiasm for socialism, which brings them fulfillment of their capacities and of their dreams.

Anna Klimova, woman collective farmer on the Ogorodnik Giant Collective Farm in the Moscow Region, awarded the Order of the USSR, is one of the many thousands of Russian peasant women who became noted people in their country by contributing a wealth of initiative and well-organized labor to the cause of their collective farms, serving as an example to those lagging behind.

This middle-aged peasant woman, who suffered much grief during her life before the revolution, is now delivering lectures and reports before audiences of agronomists and academicians as well as directors of other collective farms eager to benefit from her experience.

A BUMPER HARVEST

"First, 1940 brought me a bumper harvest," she said. "On the section assigned to me I harvested ten to twelve tons of potatoes an acre. The harvest of other vegetable crops was equally high. The good harvest was more the result of the people concerned than of the weather. We worked very well this year. And if you work well, you earn accordingly. My personal income this year amounted to 5,500 rubles and about eight tons of vegetables. Although my husband lagged behind my record, he also received a considerable sum in cash and vegetables. Our collective farms as a whole earned 2,000,000 rubles.

"My daughter is a sophomore in the Institute of Foreign Languages. She previously finished the Teachers' Training School. My oldest son took up tractor driving. The younger one entered a trade school at the Moscow Stalin Automobile plant, where he is being taught the profession of turner.

"This year I again participated in the USSR Agricultural Exhibition. During the summer I gave many talks there on my methods of work.

At the tenth anniversary celebration of our work we recalled the past: How we joined the collective farm having practically no equipment at all, how we obliterated all boundary lines which had broken up the fields and gardens into scattered strips, and whom I assisted in building a large collective farm in agriculture.

BUILD POWER STATION

"As Deputy of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, I spent some time this summer in Siberia among my constituents, with whom I keep in constant touch and whom I assisted in building a large collective farm in agriculture.

MODERN EQUIPMENT

"Now there is no work in the collective farm which is done by hand. Everything is done by machinery. All our collective farmers live in well-built homes with all requisite outbuildings. We have splendid brick stables and various other buildings. Among the new structures in our village there is our club with its cinema hall, a secondary school and several stores. Before the revolution our village didn't have a single machine and there was hardly a single decent-looking house in the village. If a miracle could happen and the former owner of this village, the landlord, should come back to life, he would, I assure you, die on the spot for a second time—from astonishment and chagrin."

Academician Nikolai Taitin, one of the best pupils of Ivan Michurin, the first initiator in the growing of perennial wheat, director of the All-Union Agricultural Exhibition and Deputy of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, is one of the outstanding agronomists of the Soviet Union.

"In 1940," he said, "I began a new work: Seeking radical methods to combat agricultural pests and work on the recently completed practical tests of the preparations made from the insecticide, pyrethrum roseum (dalmatian daisy), which is poisonous for animal parasites and for pests of grain stores.

"On the basis of this work, I plan to carry out, in 1941, wide investigations of new vegetable poisons for the destruction of dangerous pests.

"My work as director of the USSR brought me particular satisfaction. In 1940 the exhibition demonstrated the agricultural progress of our country much more

graphically and in more detail than in the preceding year. It popularized new methods in agriculture and livestock breeding and it helped organize new achievements in agriculture.

REVIEW OF THE USSR

"This year brought me scores of letters. Right now as I am writing these lines, one of them is lying on my desk, a letter from a sailor living and working at the very edge of the Soviet Union where the fog on the Sea of Okhotsk shrouds the whole year round. My correspondent asks me to help him in preparing a report which he soon has to deliver on love, family and marriage. Profound thought can be read between the lines of this letter.

Alia Tarasova, People's Artist of the USSR, awarded the Order of Lenin, is a famous actress of the Moscow Art Theatre. A few years ago Europe admired the acting of Alia Tarasova as Anna Karenina in the play based on Leo Tolstoy's novel.

"This year, like those preceding, brought me happiness, in large and small portions, the usual joys of a Soviet person," she said. "To enumerate them all would take a number of pages and it is difficult to give preference to any particular one. If my friends expect to see a long list of new roles, they are going to be disappointed. We have the opportunity to rehearse one play 100 times, if necessary, and we take advantage of this opportunity to polish every detail of a performance. This year gave me only one new role, that of Masha in Chekhov's 'Three Sisters.' After a break of 15 years, this play has been revived at the Art Theatre. The last time we performed this play was during our tour of America on the stages of New York, Chicago and Boston."

The "Three Sisters" of 1940 differs from the "Three Sisters" of 1925, not only in staging and treatment, but in the cast of performers. All the roles have been distributed among the new young generation of actors trained by the Art Theatre, a generation which strives ever higher and higher to the incomparable art of their teachers—Stanislavsky, Danchenko, Koscovin, Knipper-Cejkova and others.

"This year marked the 30th anniversary of the death of Leo Tolstoy. During the days of the anniversary the telephone of my apartment rang almost incessantly. Factories rang up, plants and clubs wanted to get in touch with excerpts from the works of this great Russian writer.

"And performing before an audience of workers, even though I've done this countless times, I always sense that each emotion of the act-

ress, each word of Tolstoy's, finds a response in hundreds of hearts.

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"The Soviet theatregoer considers that in order for an actor to perform a role well, he must be a philosopher. My unknown acquaintance—a sailor—never doubts for a moment that even a Soviet actress can offer an answer for any involved psychological question."

NEW VIOLIN CONCERTO

The composer Aram Khachaturyan is a 36-year-old Armenian, a son of a formerly oppressed people with suffering and a long struggle for liberation behind them. Khachaturyan, whose compositions have been played with great success in the Soviet Union, is the assistant chairman of the Union of Soviet Composers. He is also a scientist.

"In 1940 the ice-breaker Georgi Sedov, of which I was captain, safely finished its 812-day drift," he told me. "We traversed the central polar basin and returned to our native land. The government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics appraised highly the services of our expedition and of our crew. Together with the entire crew, I received the highest award of my country—the title of Hero of the Soviet Union and the Order of Lenin.

COMPLETING A BOOK

"Everyone who has ever been in the U.S.S.R. even once knows how quickly the aspect of the country changes. When we returned to the mainland we could not recognize these same cities to which we had bidding farewell thirty months back."

"It is not difficult to imagine how happy I was to return to my family, whom I had not seen for two and a half years. My joy will perhaps be even more easily understood if I add I was married only three months before I left for the Arctic voyage that lasted so long."

"Upon my return from the Arctic I began, after a short rest, to work on my book. This work of many months is not yet finished. In this book I tell of the life of our crew on board the ship, tightly held in the icy grip of the Arctic, of our scientific work, of the preliminary results of our scientific observations. The book will soon be published under the title, 'On Board the Georgi Sedov.'

"At the same time I studied a

great deal. I decided to complete a correspondence school course at the Institute of Marine Engineering. Although I possess the education necessary to be a captain, it will do no harm to acquire the specialty of marine engineer."

The sculptor Vera Mukhina is author of the famous sculpture of the worker and collective farmer which towered over the Soviet pavilion at the International Exhibition at Paris. At present this sculpture decorates the Agricultural Exhibition in Moscow.

PORTRAY THE PEOPLE

In her studio Vera Mukhina is working on new monuments, like all other Soviet sculptors who desire to make the streets of our new cities beautiful.

"We Soviet sculptors," she began, "take our types from real people and we strive to combine expressiveness and simplicity of portraiture with sublimity and spirituality of type. In the last four years alone the government of the Soviet Union assigned state funds for the erection of 63 monumental statues commemorating such distinguished persons as Pushkin, Tchaikovsky, Gogol, Gorky, Mayakovskiy and Chkalov."

"I received many letters when the contest for a Gorky memorial was announced. In these letters people from cities and villages, people who had absolutely nothing to do with sculpture or even art in general, tried to tell me in simple but ardent words what kind of a monument they thought ought to be erected to the great Russian writer.

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Ivan Gudov is a Stakhanovite "million-machine operator," a deputy to the Supreme Soviet, and an order-bearer who is performing real miracles in the field of perfecting productive technique. The name of Gudov has acquired the same wide renown as that of Alexei Stakhanov. Gudov has a mass of

followers. As deputy, he receives correspondence from all parts of the Soviet Union, and manages to cope with his state activity, to study and visit plants, to engage in sports and to be invariably an initiator of all sorts of innovations in his trade.

"People have created a multitude of fairy tales through the ages," he told me, in explaining his life. "No small number of them tell of dreams that come true."

"Last year, on the occasion of the sixtieth birthday of Joseph Stalin, I succeeded in turning out eighty-five times as many articles on my lathe as called for by the standard of output. Some people have tried to explain my world record in production by some sort of extraordinary physical endurance. Unfortunately, I do not possess super-strength. And even if I did, it would hardly have helped. I followed the wise proverb that says brains are better than brawn."

"A few months ago, in a talk with Malyshov, vice-chairman of the Peoples Commissars, I suggested modernizing the longitudinal milling lathe, a step which would more than double the productivity of labor on this machine. Malyshov agreed with me in principle, and commissioned the Peoples Commissar of Heavy Machine Engineering Industry immediately to study my proposal in detail. Within a very short time I, a rank file worker, submitted my invention before a gathering of engineers, among whom were persons possessing very high academic titles and those who were authors of many scientific works, savants famed not only in the USSR but abroad as well.

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# Lockheed Workers High-Pressured For 'Gift Bomber'

Held Up for \$90,000 As State Department and Aircraft Firm Join in Drive to Drum Up 'Spontaneous' Donation

Another "gift bomber" crossed the Canadian border yesterday at Detroit, on way to England, this time marked as from the "employees" of the Lockheed Aircraft Corp. plants. Several days earlier a plane was similarly dispatched as a "gift" from the construction workers of Camp Edwards, Mass.

To lend a bit of drama what is pictured as a "spontaneous" response from the workers in defense of "democracy," Jimmie Mattern, around-the-world flier, was placed at the controls of the Lockheed plane.

As the flier made his flight from Burbank, Calif., news tickers reported the plane's progress as though an eventful trip was being made.

## SPONTANEITY EXPOSED

There is no doubt about the plane workers being those who paid the \$90,000 for the Lockheed bomber, but the "spontaneous" and "voluntary" sentiment for "gifts" has been debunked as details trickled through from the plane factories.

The Lockheed workers averaged about \$5 each for the plane. A like donation was deducted from the pay envelopes of the construction workers at Camp Edwards.

It now appears that these donations are only an experiment for a wide campaign in which methods similar to those employed during the World War for Liberty Bonds, would be employed, to shift some of the burden for war supplies directly on the workers and give an impression that a mass sentiment is behind it.

The technique in developing the "spontaneous" response is alike everywhere, and follows the pattern as described in Tuesday's issue of the Daily Worker in the dispatch from Camp Edwards. Like a bolt from the blue, the foreman nails the worker with a pledge card authorizing the company to take out of his envelope as much as is required to pay for the plane. The foreman, quite sure the worker values his job and will sign, only watches to note if he even hesitates about doing so. Occasionally the foreman has to throw out the hint that those who won't sign are not very secure in their job, but the FBI-inspired atmosphere in the war plants is such that hints are hardly necessary.

## STATE DEPT BACKING

The "gift" plane plan, as revealed in the photostatic copy of the pledge card in the Tuesday Daily Worker, is backed by the

## DOUBLE EXPOSURE

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### GIANT SKATING RINK DAY and NIGHT

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Neisner Strike Pressed: Rupert Henley, union steward of the United Retail & Wholesale Employees (CIO) is paying Neisner pickets their weekly benefits in front of one of the stores being picketed in Detroit. The strike, called Dec. 7, is still going strong and has spread to the company's stores throughout the city.

## Some Truth Published in England But Censored Here by Press

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from decency—and from humanity?"

c) About India: The paper gives the news about the Congress Party movement against war and for independence, and it prints a reader's letter which says: "If we ourselves cannot behave as democrats, our cause against Fascism is lost. Nehru must be released immediately."

Sample Question No. 4: What do the common people of England think about the Soviet Union?

Answer by Reynolds News:

Among "Letters to the Editor" we find the following:

a) From A.G.—"Since this war began 23,000,000 people have been taken into the Socialist family of nations, a more tangible contribution to world Socialism than we are ever likely to see from our present rulers."

b) From S.E.M.—"It is not for Russia to prove she desires friendship with Britain, but for our Government to show good will in its dealings with the Soviet. Equally, we can find no cause for complaint in Russia remaining on friendly terms with Germany. For Russia is neutral; she has a right to preserve friendly relations with any State, whether the latter is at war with Britain or not."

c) From a woman who has arranged for everything.

No one in the plant knows where the campaign for the "gift" bomber started. There is much of a buzz and expressions of resentment at the "holdup" and use of practices that smell strongly of the "yellow dog" contract.

All the workers do know is that the foreman or some other company agent handed them the pledge card and that the State Department "backs" the plan.

## Planemakers' Yultide Cheer: Profits on 1 Billion Orders

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25 (UPI)—Backlogs of Southern California aircraft factories working on military planes for Great Britain and the United States, totaled \$1,287,352,586 today.

The Aviation Committee of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce revealed that Los Angeles and San Diego factories now employ 71,236 workers and have monthly payrolls of more than \$10,000,000.

Backlogs in the Los Angeles area included: Douglas, \$347,000,000; Lockheed-Vega, \$276,500,000; North American, \$225,000,000; Vultee, \$79,500,000, and Northrop, \$24,500,000. At San Diego, Consolidated reported \$323,000,000 and Ryan \$10,000,000.

## Mayor Greets News Dealers--With Warning

Uses Christmas Letter to Repeat Statement That He Will Hold Distributors Responsible for Pornographic Magazines

Mayor LaGuardia sent a letter of Christmas greetings to all licensed newsdealers stating under the law he would hold them responsible for the sale of alleged "filthy and indecent" magazines.

The Mayor's letter, made public yesterday at City Hall, thanked the newstand men for "splendid cooperation" in his campaign against pornography, but added:

"As you know, in accordance with my policy, which I publicly stated, I am holding distributors of magazines responsible. If I ever can get jurisdiction of the publisher or printer of any of these dirty magazines and publications, I will go after him just as hard."

## Pledge New Increase in Machine Tools

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (UPI)—The nation's machine tool manufacturers, who doubled their output this year in an effort to meet defense demands, expect to increase production by at least another third to \$600,000,000 in 1941, the National Defense Commission was informed today.

A survey prepared by the National Machine Tool Builders' Association showed that machine tool production for 1940 will exceed \$400,000,000, twice that for 1939.

## Promises Swift Job Of Naval Expansion

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (UPI)—Rear Admiral Harold R. Stark, chief of naval operations, assured the nation last night that the Navy will do everything possible to complete the two-ocean fleet ahead of schedule.

Stark said in a radio address that last year the fleet was strong, but not strong enough to meet the test of world events. For that reason, he said, Congress passed bills providing for an 11 per cent and a 70 per cent naval expansion within a month of each other.

## Shoots at Her 5 Times, Then Marries Her

DUNN, N. C., Dec. 25 (UPI)—Mack Hobson, 21-year-old one-time college editor, and the former Alice Tart, his bride of 18, began housekeeping today, climaxing a romance that made news last July when he fired five shots at her, believing her dead.

Their marriage before a Probate Judge in Clinton, S. C., December 15 was revealed Christmas Eve. The wedding took place 18 days after the North Carolina university student was released after serving four months in jail for the shooting.

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## Italians Pound British Troops At Bardia

Unofficial Truce Gives Berlin, London a Quiet Day

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an-German truce had passed without a report of a single enemy plane over Britain. There had been no report of RAF bombings of Germany since Tuesday morning.

Authoritative British quarters, however, would not confirm that there had been a Christmas truce and only the weather was given as the official reason for the Yuletide respite.

Throughout the day invasion precautions were pressed with greater vigilance than usual and air raid spotters and firemen remained at their posts.

In refusing suggestions for a Christmas truce, British quarters had pointed out that the RAF scarcely could afford to give the "invasion coast" two whole days in which troops and convoys could be massed, particularly in view of recent reports of unusual activity in and around the German-held ports across the Channel.

Londoners were not aware of the reported German promise to desist from bombing Britain as long as the RAF followed suit. They flock to the air raid shelters tonight in almost the usual numbers. The streets were almost deserted, as on every night since the start of the blitz-siege.

The Air Ministry said, however, that German reconnaissance planes had appeared over the Orkney Islands and off the Scotch coast during the day. Fleet air arm fighters in cooperation with the RAF shot down one of the German planes over the Orkneys, capturing four of the crew, the Ministry said. This was the first time in recent months that enemy planes had been reported over the Orkneys, site of the Scapa Flow naval base.

### GREEKS PRESS ON TOWARD VALONA

ATHENS, Dec. 25 (UPI).—Greek Evans warriors, pushing ahead through blinding snow storms and freezing weather, battered at retreating Fascist lines tonight as they drove within 15 miles of Italy's vital Albanian base of Valona on the Adriatic coast.

The Greek forces gave up Christ-mas to continue their push on Valona, whose fall would give them their greatest victory thus far in the war. Unmindful of the cold, the Evanses were said to have smashed on captured Kifissia and taken three more villages and "great numbers of prisoners and war materials."

Italian troops retreating from Kifissia were said by an official Greek spokesman to be heading for the strongly but hastily-fortified 2,000-foot Logara pass, which guards the approach to Valona bay.

Reports reaching Athens said the road to Valona ahead of the Greek land advance was being bombarded heavily from the sea, but whether the warships were British or Greek was not indicated.

### ITALIAN RAID POINTS ON LIBYAN FRONT

ROME, Dec. 25 (UPI).—Italian airplanes continued to bombard and machine-gun British mechanized units on the Libyan front, an official communiqué said today. Bad weather impeded action on the Albian front, although an air duel occurred over the Italian-held port of Valona, the communiqué said.

The communiqué added that British planes flew over Naples shortly after noon Dec. 24, dropping small incendiary bombs and pamphlets.

The city and port of Tripoli were bombed, the communiqué said, but it did not specify whether by airplanes or warships. Some damage was admitted.

The Churchill speech, in which the Prime Minister appealed to the Italian people to overthrow Premier Benito Mussolini, was given to the public by the official Stefani news agency, and was widely commented on in the press.

The newspapers generally assailed the speech as an insult to the Italian people.



**Oil Tanks Afire in Haifa:** An Italian air raid leaves blazing oil tanks in its wake in Haifa, Palestine.

## Gen. Haskell; Friend of Landowners, Finds 'Mice and Men' Dangerous Film

Steinbeck's Vivid Picture of Hunger for Land Deemed Unfit for Showing at Alabama Army Post

By Art Shields

Southern plantation owners have a brass hat Yankee protector in Major William N. Haskell of New York's 27th Division, now training in Alabama.

Haskell's soldiers are meeting the young folks who live in the villages and farms near Fort McClellan. They meet the sons and daughters of the sharecroppers and tenant farmers who till the landlords' land and have no land of their own.

In the situation General Haskell is determined not to let his doughboys get any dangerous thoughts about land—thoughts they would discuss with the young people there being.

The Alabama landlords wouldn't like it and the aristocratic General Haskell is the last man to want to hurt their feelings.

With this background it's easy to understand why General Haskell rattled the saber of military authority Christmas Eve and forbade the post theatre to give its scheduled performance of "Mice and Men," the film based on the John Steinbeck's novel by that name.

**BOOKED BY ARMY**

Steinbeck's famous story of landless farm laborers, abhoring for land of their own, had been shown in the civilian theatres of almost every city of the country.

It had even been booked by the United States Army's motion picture service in the Adjutant General's office in Washington, for the use of post theatres.

**F.D.R., Jr., Gets Job With Law Firm in Wall Street**

Another son of President Roosevelt, this time Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., obtained a soft spot.

He was placed by the noted Wall Street firm of Wright, Gordon, Zachary and Parlin of 63 Wall St. "I merely went in to their employment department and asked for

a job. They put me through the regular questions. Then decided to take me on," is how FDR, Jr. put it.

Elliot Roosevelt, who became a captain in the army in a somewhat the same manner, still holds that soft spot, despite the nationwide storm of protest.

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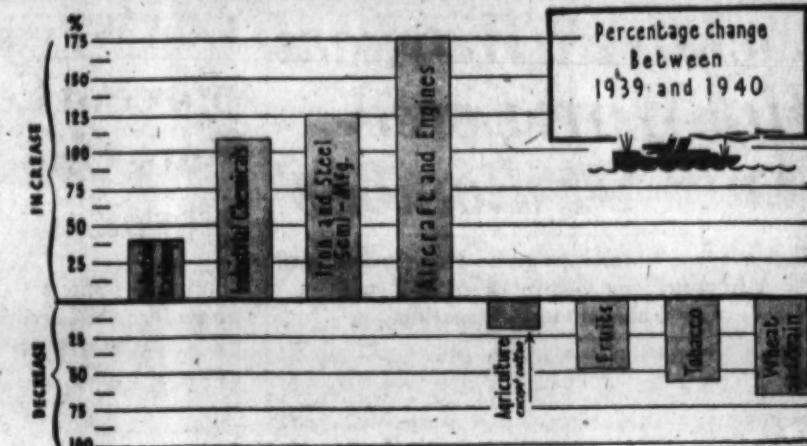
## 150 Died in Christmas Accidents

109 Killed in Traffic Collisions Through Country

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Four Zion, Ill., high school students were killed when their automobile left the highway and burst into flames as they were en route to Kenosha, Wis., to sing Christmas carols at a church celebration.

Texas led the states with 18



**More for War, Less for People:** This chart from Economic Outlook, shows the changing character of American exports. "Non-military" items show a sharp decline while material for Europe's war machines climb.

## Recall Churchill's Praise of Fascists As He Poses Now as a Liberator

Italian Woman Editor Here Says People Must Take Matters Into Their Own Hands

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against the working and colonial peoples of the world, she continued. In 1923 shortly after Mussolini had scarcely completed his coup d'état, the British king ostentatiously honored him with the Order of the Grand Commander of the Bath.

During the Ethiopian situation the British government offered to place no obstacles in the way of Italian conquest of the Negro nation just so long as British interests are injured by Mussolini's pro-Axis policy.

### NO REVOLUTIONIST

The editor smiled. "No, Churchill is anything but an instrument of revolution.

The bandits invaded the beauty shop late yesterday. While one herded the women into a corner, the other collected their purses and emptied a cash drawer.

### New Italian Line For Danube Shipping

ROMA, Dec. 25 (UPI).—Italy has formed a new shipping organization which will be known as "the Italian Company for Danube Navigation" and which will be part of a plan further to increase Italian commerce in the Balkans, it was announced today.

At the same time, it was announced that Italy also is forming three other companies for exploitation of Danube River traffic.

### Canadian Army Corp Set Up in United Kingdom

OTTAWA, Dec. 25 (UPI).—Formation of a Canadian Army Corps in the United Kingdom, under command of Lt.-Gen. A. G. L. MacNaughton, was announced today by Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King.

Formation of such a corps was referred to by the Prime Minister as the first fruit of the current visit to the United Kingdom of Col. J. L. Ralston, Minister of National Defense.

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# Coast Parley Will Hit War Loans, Anti-Strike Bills

Washington Commonwealth Federation Invites All Progressive Groups to Attend Peoples Legislative Conference

By Ellen McGrath  
(Special to the Daily Worker)

SEATTLE, Dec. 25.—Anti-strike bills and plots for war loans will be the main targets of the Washington Commonwealth Federation at its eighth annual convention called for Saturday, Feb. 15, at Moose Temple in this city.

The Federation invited all progressive groups to join with it in sponsoring a People's Legislative Conference to be held Sunday, Feb. 16, as part of the convention.

President Hugh DeLacy declared the common people have a vital stake in what happens when Congress convenes in the national capital and the state legislatures assemble in Olympia, Wash., January 1941.

"Bills to crush labor are ready for introduction into the legislatures of every state in the union. With Congressional sanction the U. S. government continues to award profitable contracts to corporations violating federal labor laws. Congressional committees are studying how to use the draft, already in force, and the U. S. employment service, already set up, to thrust upon American farmers and workers a system of forced labor, which once established will destroy the foundation of American democracy," the convention call, signed by President Hugh DeLacy, declared.

**ASSAULTS WAR DRIVE**  
"Doing nothing for the farmer, whose markets have disappeared because of war abroad and poverty at home; indifferent to the claim of the aged for pensions, youth for opportunity, schools for adequate financing; disregarding the unemployed and millions in southern poll-tax states, who are denied the right to vote; and preparing to cut all non-military expenditures to the bone, many of our lawmakers and statesmen are hysterically supporting the very acts and policies which forced America into the last world war."

Grave danger exists during coming legislative sessions that in the name of national defense against Hitlerism, DeLacy declared sardonically, that powerful, anti-democratic interests ruling American finance, industry and munitions will deprive the people of all protective legislation, nullify our democratic institutions, militarize and Hitlerize our country—and drive us into war.

Emphatically declaring the common people must not permit scuttling of present gains and stifling of democracy, the WCF prepared to pool its strength with other groups to fulfill the needs of the American people.

"To defend labor's right to organize, bargain collectively, strike and picket . . . to aid the farmer's fight for cost-of-production and public ownership of power—to see that \$40 pensions are paid in full under the liberal conditions enacted by Initiative 141 . . . to strengthen the demands of youth and the unemployed for opportunity and security . . . to press enactment of promised New Deal health and housing programs, both for civilian low income

# Gun-Waving Spree of Cop Puts One in Hospital

Drunken Officer Uses Revolver to Terrorize Neighborhood

DETROIT, Dec. 25 (UPI)—A Detroit policeman under the influence of liquor today shot a pedestrian after terrorizing a neighborhood for more than an hour with his service revolver and a blackjack.

The patrolman was Thomas Urquhart, 31, and the victim was Alexander Rudy, 53, a restaurant dishwasher who was going home when Urquhart opened fire at a busy downtown intersection. One bullet struck Rudy below the heart. Attendants at Receiving Hospital said he was in critical condition.

Urquhart was taken into custody and stripped of his badge at police headquarters. An official said he still was too intoxicated to be questioned. Last March Urquhart was suspended 10 days for driving an automobile while in uniform and under influence of liquor.

Spectators said Urquhart had threatened pedestrians with his gun and blackjack and was making a boy do a jig by aiming the weapon at his legs when Rudy walked past. A witness, Marvin Hopper, a WPA worker, said he believed the policeman was aiming at him (Hopper) when he opened fire. Hopper said he had hid behind a car while bullets whistled past, some landing against a theater a block away.

Other witnesses said Urquhart had poked them with his gun and stopped several motorists, threatening to shoot them.

# Chicago's North Side Honors Ford Birthday

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—A large testimonial banquet on Chicago's North Side yesterday, held in honor of the birthday of James W. Ford, paid a stirring tribute to the Negro Communist leader and pledged to intensify our work toward a people's solution to the problem of imperialism and its wars."

Greetings were sent by the gathering to Ford through the National Committee of the Communist Party. Made up of Communist and non-party people, including many leading trade unionists, the banquet was sponsored by the 48th Ward branch of the Communist Party.

Among the speakers at the banquet were William Patterson, Negro Communist leader, Alfred Wagnke, Cook County secretary of the Communist Party, and Sam Hammerman, veteran of 40 years in the labor movement.

## Weather Bureau Sees Northeast Storms

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (UPI)—The Weather Bureau today ordered northeast storm warnings from the Delaware breakwater to Cape Hatteras.

"A disturbance of slight intensity on the South Carolina coast will move northeastward with increasing intensity and cause increasing northeast to east winds," the Bureau said, "becoming strong this afternoon between the Virginia capes and Cape Hatteras."

The Bureau said the disturbance would reach gale force early to-night off the Virginia capes and Delaware breakwater.

Emphatically declaring the common people must not permit scuttling of present gains and stifling of democracy, the WCF prepared to pool its strength with other groups to fulfill the needs of the American people.

"To defend labor's right to organize, bargain collectively, strike and picket . . . to aid the farmer's fight for cost-of-production and public ownership of power—to see that \$40 pensions are paid in full under the liberal conditions enacted by Initiative 141 . . . to strengthen the demands of youth and the unemployed for opportunity and security . . . to press

enactment of promised New Deal health and housing programs, both for civilian low income

## Wheeler Says Aid to Britain Evades Law

Declarer Majority of People Are Opposed to War Loans  
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ington yesterday after a western vacation, said he believed in aiding Britain "within certain limits and within our statutes." But he added:

"I think if Wendell L. Wilkie had taken a courageous attitude at the outset of his campaign that he was going to keep us out of war and had not kept harping on the subject of British aid, there might have been a different story last November."

Wheeler told his interviewers that "if the officers of the government, high or low, set an example by evading the laws, we shouldn't complain if there is a wholesale breakdown of law and order in this country."

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groups and for guardmen and draftees sent into army tents in winter weather without adequate safeguards . . . to demand the end of taxation upon necessities of life while the state's concentrated wealth goes free . . . to work out a program of national defense which first defends the interests and well being of the American people . . . to provide a means through which young and old, farmers and workers and small business men may promote common legislative interests . . . to insist that America keep out of the present war."

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# SNAKE IN THE GRASS



By Federated Press

# ALP PROGRESSIVES ADOPT PROGRAM FOR PEACE, JOBS

## Start Drive on Political Patronage, Seek County Reform

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ployed, and other vital matters confront the American people with serious problems," declared Legislative Chairman Stern.

"Never before in the history of our country has the general welfare of the people been so menaced by native profiteers and war initiators who seek to establish fascism here. Our nation's democracy will be protected and advanced by putting into action a program such as we submit. We are confident that both our program and activities will find much favor and support among the people."

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# 'America First,' White Committees Alike Under Skin

Both for a Yankee Imperialism, Headed by Wall Streeters, Differ Only in Certain Practical Steps to Achieve Aim

By Carl Harris  
(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—American imperialism is at work in the Middle West, twisting the people's slogans for peace into a movement for Yankee imperialist tyranny at home and abroad.

Most virulent among the "committees" which has mushroomed out in Chicago in the "America First" Committee, whose parentage is the ultra-reactionary Chicago Tribune and Henry Ford, labor's enemy number 1.

From its offices in the Chicago Board of Trade, the "America First" Committee is flooding the Middle West and the nation with artful jingoism, its poisonous nature masked under the mottoes of peace. Actually, its policy can be summed up as "American imperialism first."

The program of the Henry Ford-Chicago Tribune organization is three-fold:

1. Appeasement and friendship to fascism with the prospect of an American grab in the war settlement.

2. Yankee domination of Latin America, with the reorganization and proper development of Mexico toward a program of unchecked imperialism.

3. Preparation for a last-ditch struggle for the preservation of capitalism in America and abroad.

## TWO ARE LINKED

The "America First" Committee, like its brother committee, the William Allen White group, is for American armament to the teeth.

The two committees taken together present a cross section of Wall Street policy. Both groups even have what amounts to "interlocking directorates," and General Robert E. Wood, chairman of Painters District Council No. 2; Elmer Brown, president of Typographical Union No. 6; Dr. Bella Dodd, legislative representative of Teachers' Union Local 8; George Curran, field representative of the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians; Dr. Charles Muzicato.

Also Dr. Max Yergan and Hope R. Stevens of the National Negro Congress; Nathan Sidman and Morris Zuckman, A. L. P. chairman of the National Lawyers' Guild on social legislation; Joseph Selly, president of the American Communications Association; Sam Wise, secretary of the New York Workers' Alliance; Alden Whitman, chairman of the New York Committee for Protection of Foreign Born; Dave Green, of the International Workers' Order; Donald Schoolman, secretary of the City Wide Tenants' Council.

The committee is preparing various City Council items. He said the program adopted by the legislative committee came broadly within five categories:

## COMMITTEE PROGRAM

1. Keep America out of war.  
2. Protect and extend the rights of labor to organize and act in its own behalf.

3. Extend the benefits of social security to all and enact social legislation for labor, the unemployed, the youth, the aged and the farm population.

4. Protect our civil liberties and small business people from monopoly.

5. Establish real equality and unity among our people by eliminating racial, alien and minority discrimination; by passage of the anti-lynching and anti-poll tax legislation.

Mr. Stern said the committee was greatly concerned with attacks upon labor and civil liberties of the people, which, he charged, were taking place under cover of the "defense program."

The committee is also preparing to act on the matter of impartial and honest administration of the selective draft act and granting of draft deferments.

Included in the legislative committee are: Representative Vito

## Jobless, Kills Self

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He Gets a Horse To Match His Boots

PALMOUTH, Mass., Dec. 26 (UPI)—Kalvin Baker's riding breeches and boots have been the sartorial delight of the Camp Edwards construction project.

For a Christmas gift, fellow employees gave him a 15-year-old swabbed horse and a second hand saddle, total value \$15.

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### The War for Democracy In Canada

You do not have to look across the ocean to what is happening in England, in order to know that the British Empire is no more waging a war for "democracy" than is Hitler. Just examine what is happening across our northern border in Canada.

A veritable reign of terror has been launched against militant trade unionists who have refused to share the cringing attitude of many of their top leaders.

In Windsor, 46 Chrysler workers have been convicted for picketing the plant after they had been locked out for demanding seniority rights promised them a long time ago. These Chrysler workers have been greatly encouraged by the financial help and the protests against their arrests from their fellow UAW members in Detroit.

But this is only part of the story. Pat Sullivan, president of the Canadian Seamen's Union (AFL) was seized by the Mounties an hour before he was to appear before a conciliation board to present the seamen's case for a wage increase. He was rushed off to a concentration camp without charge or trial.

Dozens of other active unions, including several officials of international unions, have been thrown into concentration camps. Sidney Sarkin, manager of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers in Montreal; Fred Collins, member of the Executive of the Toronto Trades and Labor Council and until recently Canadian vice-president of the International Furniture Workers Union; Bruce Magnusson, secretary of the Port Arthur Trades and Labor Council and organizer of the Lumber Workers Union (AFL); Charles Murray, Atlantic Coast district organizer of the Canadian Seamen's Union, and scores of others have been seized in the small hours of the morning and spirited away.

The American labor movement could well follow the example of the Detroit auto workers and extend a hand of solidarity to their brothers now being persecuted by the war government of Canada for trying to better the conditions of the workers.

### Neither Side Can Stabilize the World

The developments in France demonstrate that the "new order" of the Axis powers is no more capable of solving the difficulties of the people or of "organizing Europe" than the hypocritical war aims of the so-called "democratic" imperialists.

Within the limits of their unity, the Axis belligerents are torn with inner contradictions even as British and American imperialism. Flandin, Laval, Petain and Weygand—everyone of them representatives of the 200 monopoly families—are all fascists. But the replacement of Laval by Flandin was an evidence of the inner contradictions within the Axis. For it created a stir in Berlin (though apparently none in Rome), and it showed the difficulty Hitler is experiencing in trying to bring France completely under his heel.

Hitler and Mussolini are fighting with each other and with the 200 families over a division of French loot. But that does not keep them from jointly trying to drag bleeding France once more into the imperialist fray on the Axis side.

At the same time, British and American imperialism are united in a common effort to bring France into the imperialist war on their side. The Roosevelt Administration—which pretends to eschew all things fascist and to "defend" all things democratic—finds no difficulty in trying to bring such fascists as Franco, and the Petain regime into its so-called "crusade for democracy." The Administration's dickerings with Weygand, its Col. Donovan mission to the Petain regime, its tremendous fanfare over the new Ambassador to France Admiral Leahy—all are for the purpose of bringing the fascists into the Allied "democratic" camp.

These inner contradictions and inner corruptions within the two belligerent camps with regard to France, are another striking example of the imperialist character of the war. The major distinctions between the imperialists—fascist and "democratic"—have broken down. In this, the deepest of all capitalist crises, either belligerent side would

be satisfied with fascism in France or in any other country, if only that country can be drawn into the imperialist war to win colonial and market supremacy for rival monopolists.

The "democratic" imperialists—whose victory in the last imperialist war is responsible for the bloody mess the world is in today—can no more stabilize or organize the world than the "Axis order." We see now the travail of the French people, following the action of their "democratic" leaders in embroiling them into this needless war. This should serve as powerful warning to the American people.

For it is only in the proportion that the people of France and in every capitalist land determine their own fate, free of all imperialists, that they can rid themselves permanently of the endless rounds of wars, slavery and hunger upon which imperialism thrives.

### The 'Lag' in the Defense Program

Press reports that a lack of aluminum is cutting airplane production again demonstrate that the fraud behind the attempts to speed up labor in the name of "national defense."

A high-pressure propaganda campaign, headed by William S. Knudsen, has been waged in recent days to the effect that the "defense" program is "lagging" and that labor therefore must work longer and harder.

The slowing up of plane production due to the shortage of aluminum (the Mellon aluminum monopoly has always maintained a policy of curtailment in order to keep up high prices) shows that if there is any truth to the story of a "lag," it is the responsibility of the capitalists themselves. Furthermore, since the whole "defense" program is calculated to drag the country into the war, it is not the "lag" so much as the program itself which is endangering the security and peace of the country.

There are at least 9,000,000 unemployed in the United States—with undoubtedly more skilled unemployed workers than in any other country. The productivity of the American worker is likewise the highest of any worker in the world. In view of these facts, it becomes clear that all pleas for longer hours and faster work are concocted in order to achieve the breakdown of labor standards which the open-shoppers were not able to achieve in peacetime.

### Indistinguishable From the War Parties

The Social-Democrats are as zealous in putting the burdens of the "defense-economy" on the people as they are in trying to drag this country into the imperialist war.

Harry W. Laidler, associate of Norman Thomas, and Salvatore Ninfo, reactionary Laborites, voted for Mayor LaGuardia's war-economy budget in the City Council and made it unanimous. This—the capital outlay budget for 1941—scraps proposed new education, hospital and other social projects so badly needed at this moment by the common people of New York.

The two Social-Democratic councilmen issued a touching statement "deeply regretting" that the budget did not contain "strongly needed" projects, but nevertheless endorsing this Tammany program.

Not once did Laidler and Ninfo put up any fight for social measures to be included in the budget, but instead have become indistinguishable from the Tammany-Republican war coalition. This shows how essential it is for labor and the people to rely upon their own independent political action free from both Wall Street's parties and their Social-Democratic puppets.

### Little Lefty

Now that del's famous creation Little Lefty has taken to satirizing the news of the day, this comic strip on Page 8 is more enjoyable and sprightly than ever. We warmly recommend "Little Lefty's Cartonews" to our readers.

### Mayor's Anti-Gambling Order a Dud

Mayor LaGuardia's declaration of "war" yesterday on "respectable" gamblers and gambling joints was quixotic, to say the least.

Only the most gullible New Yorkers will believe a curb will be placed on the professional gambling racket by listing with Dun and Bradstreet names of all "responsible" persons picked up in gambling joints.

For, indeed, Dun and Bradstreet are publishers of the Wall St. tip sheet which has long listed the nation's biggest professional gamblers, such as J. P. Morgan, Tom Gilder and Ernest T. Weir, gamblers in war credits and the lives of people.

A few small-time tinhorns may get kicked around as the result of the Mayor's order, but big-time gambling will continue unabated right under LaGuardia's nose.

## The Parachute Trooper

—by Gropper



## Continental Activity in Defense of Prestes, Brazil's 'Knight of Hope'

By Dionisio Encina  
 General Secretary of the Communist Party of Mexico  
 (Special to the Daily Worker)

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 25.—The biography of Luis Carlos Prestes is the brilliant and amazing story of a great fighter against imperialism. The ferocious persecution organized against him by Public Enemy No. 1 of the Brazilian people, Getulio Vargas, is directed towards physically liquidating the best-loved leader of the Brazilian masses, and the man who best represents the aspirations of the peoples of the Americas towards liberty, independence and better living conditions.

The second trial, thought up as was the first, in Vargas police stations, ended in one day—the 7th of November (!)—and the sentence of thirty years' imprisonment was ratified twenty days later. In this mock-trial, where there were no rights of defense, Luis Carlos Prestes was sentenced to a monstrous term for a common crime committed by the police. This was the murder of Elsa Fernández, wife of a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Brazil. Sacco and Vanzetti were also electrocuted for a common crime which they never committed. The Nazi regime wished to behead Getulio Vargas from the Reichstag fire, organized by the minions of Goering and Hitler. And Vargas is a wonderful pupil of Wall Street and Berlin.

By means of this trial it was hoped to terrorize the revolutionaries in Brazil, which in spite of its illegality, torture, and increases daily, rocking the feet of clay of the most tyrannous and scandalous regime which exists on our continent.

At the same time it was hoped that the steadfast revolutionary honor and valor of the "Knight of Hope" would be stained and soiled by accusing him of a common crime. In this way it was expected to quench the great love and affection which he enjoys not only in his country, but throughout the Continent and the entire world.

### MAN AND DWARFS

In the second trial, Luis Carlos Prestes was brought in by four of Vargas' henchmen. The courtroom was full of people and gendarmes and secret police. The judges expected to find a man doubled up by his prison-hell, his spirit broken and deformed by physical and moral torture.

For five years the "Knight of Hope" had lived in a cell built for him—a bitter gift from Vargas—without contact with the outside world, subjected to a regime of solitary confinement, buried in a tomb in a tropical country.

Luis Carlos Prestes, on his exit from the tomb, appeared even more firm and steadfast, his eyes filled with faith, manhood and courage.

Ignoring the horrible accusation, he proudly looked his oppressors in the face and transformed the Court of National Safety into a revolutionary court.

"I wish to take advantage of the opportunity granted me by the members of this court, to pay homage to this day, one of the greatest known to history, for it is the 23rd anniversary of the great Russian Revolution, which liberated a people from tyranny. . . ." The cry of rage from the oppressors drowned the last words.

### HAILED BY PEOPLE

"Long live the 'Knight of Hope.'" The people replied through a brave woman present in the courtroom, who was immediately arrested. It was Dimitroff's example repeated in a country whose dictatorship has no reason to envy the Nazi regime.

Behind Luis Carlos Prestes were the people of America, the millions of underdogs who struggle against war and slavery.

"This sentence frees me from the last elements of pride or vanity which I possessed, and definitely launches me on the immense sea of the most humble and dispossessed. And that, sincerely, does not displease me," the son wrote his mother.

It is an exaggerated modesty which is touching. For Luis Carlos Prestes, in prison, always wanted to be treated as were the rest. He refused any kind of privilege or facility which was not granted to his prison companions. Thaelmann, the great leader of the German proletariat, did the same.

### OUR STRUGGLE AND DUTY

The struggle for the liberation of Prestes and his companions is a task for the whole continental anti-imperialist movement. The continental activity in favor of this comrade is a thermometer of our political sensitivity, of our internationalism, of our solidarity, which are so lacking in our movements.

Are we capable of carrying out a great movement? Certainly. In the United States, in Cuba, in Mexico, in Costa Rica, in Colombia, in Peru, in Chile, in Argentina, in Uruguay, there are possibilities which do not exist in any other capitalist country in the world.

But in Spain, Italy, Germany, in the Balkans, in France, England and its colonies and dominions, movements of solidarity mean prison, torture, often death. And yet over there, there is solidarity, and much of it.

We can talk, write, agitate, organize meetings and demonstrations. We can bring up problems in trade-union meetings, in political, women's, youth, sport or cultural reunions. We can demand the intervention of our governments against dictator Vargas. We can raise the matter, as in Mexico, in our Parliaments. We can mobilize

the lawyers so that they will expose the monstrous legal procedure of the Tribunal of National Safety, and the intellectuals in order that they may raise their voices in indignation.

We can do all these things, and failure to do them cannot be justified. We will not be able to do them tomorrow, if we allow, through our silence, our inactivity, our insensibility. Getulio Vargas to carry out his wicked plan to physically destroy the most outstanding leader of the anti-imperialist movement in the Americas.

### PRESTES' WEEK

There are activities in favor of Prestes in all countries. But they are not yet well organized. These activities should be transformed into a mass anti-imperialist movement, which will reach all sections of the people, linked to all struggles against war, against imperialism, by immediate action from the different leaders of the people. The struggle for the liberty of Luis Carlos Prestes should at the same time contain solidarity and support for the Brazilian people and the struggle against terror, arbitrary methods and the troubles which exist in all our countries.

Have you noticed that at the Park Avenue benefits for Greece, no one recites Byron's famous poem "The Isles of Greece"? Can it be due to the fact that while Mussolini was unsuccessfully trying to invade from the North, the Isles themselves to the South were being seized by Great Britain?

"Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house.  
 Not a Congressman stirred, not even a mouse.  
 The Speaker did no speaking; there was nothing to do—  
 'Twas all done at the other end of the Avenue.

## Letters From Our Readers

Language Teacher Lauds Development Of National Culture in the U.S.S.R.

Newark, N. J.

Editor, Daily Worker:

For the last fifteen years I have been engaged in linguistics, and earn my living teaching languages. Naturally, I have a priceless collection of grammars, dictionaries, anthologies, readers, lexicons in innumerable languages.

I used to look to Germany for these books until the liberation of Russia's multi-national people. Since that day, it is to the Soviet Union that I look to my best, most intelligent, dictionaries, grammars, readers of whatever language I want.

What does my native American paper tell me: murder, private or public, hunger, race oppression, national oppression. What a joyous contrast is Pravda. In the issue I read there was a report on the development in the Kazakh language, the anniversary of the great Persian poet Nizami, plans to popularize through the Soviet land the works of a Turkoman poet (I am ashamed to say I have never heard of him); last but not least, an article on Chaucer's Canterbury Tales in a Russian translation.

Life bursting from a million tongues. There they seem to be living not on bread alone. And what struck me on reading was this thought: Surely, surrounded by a hostile world that has been waiting for years to destroy them, surely they must have national unity to survive. And yet, why does not their national unity require what I see about me, in my own land: suspicion of the foreign word, distrust of the culture that is not a facsimile of the approved pattern.

Do you wonder then that I have come to love the Soviet land, not just for its excellent dictionaries, for its inexhaustible supply of language books, but for the spirit that gives birth to these books. And is it any wonder that I have come to doff my hat to a man whose theory of nationalism has changed the old Russia into a joyous brotherhood. Joseph Stalin has given me an inkling of that vision, and I am happy and grateful.

S. G.

## Point of Order

By ALAN MAX

### HIS LORDSHIP IS A RELIGIOUS MAN

"The American people will respect Lord Halifax's deeply religious sincerity"—the Herald Tribune.

"He is a deeply religious man"—The Times.

Eager to scoop the rest of the press which is waiting to interview Lord Halifax, Britain's new ambassador to the U. S., Point of Order does not score a scoop. It does not put through a trans-Atlantic telephone call to London and does not have the following interview with his Lordship.

—Hello, hello, London speaking.  
 —Point of Order calling for Lord Halifax.  
 —Hold the wire a minute; his Lordship is at his prayers.

(A long pause.)

Operator: "Your three minutes are up; deposit another 300 nickels in the box, please."

—Hello, New York; his Lordship is now approaching the phone.

(Soft organ music.)

—Hello, hello, Lord Halifax speaking.

—I would like to ask you a few questions, m'Lord?

—Go right ahead, old boy.

—Any reminiscences today of Czechoslovakia, m'Lord?



**• PERSONAL****• But Not Private**

By DAVE FARRELL

LOS ANGELES.—The papers here have changed their tunes. Where only a couple of days ago ours was the "biggest and greatest flu epidemic since 1918," now it ain't so. Just one of those things, they'd have you believe. Somebody in the All-Year Club has pointed out that if they go on advertising the flu it's going to kill the tourist trade.

But if you're asking me—and who isn't?—it's still plenty tough when a feller can't even enjoy a smoke. But there comes a time in every man's life when he tells his wife and doctor to fly a hoop or roll a kite and insists on getting up from a bed of pain, struggles to a typerite merely to keep his hand in.

Just to point out these startling facts:

That Louie Novikoff, for instance has an all-time batting average of .380 to date. Look at these vital statistics. In his first year with Ponca City in a C league, he hit for .351. The next year at Moline in the Three-Eye League (Class B) he hit .367. In 1939 with Tulsa in the Texas League (Class A-1) he hit .368. He wound up the season playing 36 games with Los Angeles in the Pacific Coast (AA) League hitting .452. Last season he led the league again with a mere .363 and in runs driven in with 171, 60 ahead of his nearest competitor, Ripper Collins, who drove in 111. No wonder he fetched such a handsome price from the Cubs. Besides, he's got wonderful draft insurance, a wife and two children.

**About That Draft**

I've had it on very good authority that fewer ball players than you would imagine will be Burke-Wadsworthed. Some will go, of course, but the majority will seek deferment on the ground that their careers will be considerably curtailed by having to put in a year in khaki. Club owners will go to bat for their esques and point out that a player has but 10 years to get his stake in and to take a year out may kill off a career.

**A New League in California**

There will be a new league this year in the Minors. The newly organized league will go with six teams certain and the possibility that two more will be added by the time the schedules are made up. At this writing the clubs are San Jose which will have a working agreement with De Vincenzi of Oakland; Fresno hooked up with Sacramento, which means the Cardinal chain; Bakersfield will be operated with the blessing of Charlie Graham of the San Francisco Seals; Stockton will be operated by Earl Hamilton, who is in the past run farms for the Cubs at Ponca City and St. Joseph; the Hollywood Stars will operate a club at San Bernardino with the possibility that either Babe Herman or Jack Rothrock will manage; and at Anaheim, where the Philadelphia Athletics do their training, there will be a club under the aegis of the San Diego Padres.

Bill Schroeder, the president of the new league, tells me that Larry MacPhail called him up and had him on the phone for half an hour wanting in. If another city can be located, there is a likelihood that the Dodgers will operate at Santa Barbara, which would be an excellent location.

The loop will operate as a C league and will have a salary limit of \$1550 for fourteen players exclusive of the manager who will undoubtedly be a playing player. In C leagues the manager usually averages around \$400 a month and a percentage of the profits.

The sponsoring upper bracket teams will subsidize the clubs to the tune of \$2500 per season and will in return have an option on about half a dozen players for delivery in the fall.

**Bonura or Collins for Angels**

There's a story being bruited around out here that the Cubs are planning to ship Zeke Bonura out to play first for the Angels. The legend or rumor being that Jimmy the Ripper Collins is going to try and make a deal for himself somewhere as a playing manager. At least that's the yarn you hear out of the neck of the timber. But somehow it doesn't smell right to this skeptic. Item one being that Rip Collins will not be turned loose. He hit too well last year, winding up with a neat .327. And not having been a ten-year man in the majors, he can't declare himself a free agent. Item two, Bonura has insisted that he will not play minor league ball. And he evidently convinced Hard Headed and Hearted Bill Terry of that last year when the Giant manager tried to send him down to Jersey City. Zeke's got tough and his old man has a great banana empire. And rather than play minor league ball, Bonura has announced that he's going to play life with father. So no soap on this rumor.

**For David's Fans**

David, I'll have you know, has been doing right smart for himself. Of recent date he's been on a kid kws program over the CBS picking up a neat sawbuck of a Sunday night answering questions that struck me as being way over anybody's head. But those kids seem to know all the right replies. So if you've ever thought he was a fragment of my imagination—I'm glad CBS knows better. Besides, he's in the 6th grade at 9. And we've tried to keep him back.

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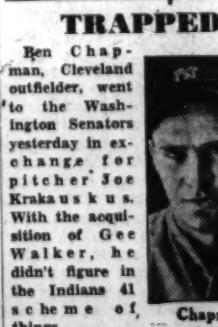
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**Tonight**

JOSEPH KUNINT to speak on Soviet Union and the Jews. Amalgamated Steel Bldg. P. 80 Van Cortlandt Park E. Bronx. 8:30 P.M. Ausp: Communist Party.

**Tomorrow**

A.S.U. PRESENTS "Rehearsal" by Albert Maltz. Dancing, Frankie Newton's Orchestra. Transport Hall 130 W. 64th St. Admission 5c. 8:30 P.M. Friday.

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**Indians  
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Allen and Chapman,  
Both Past Prime, Go;  
Krauskus In

Christmas eve was not too silent a night for the Cleveland baseball team. With two trades the Indians rid themselves of two former Yankees who disappointed during 1940. Johnny Allen, a right handed pitcher going to the St. Louis Browns for a reported \$20,000 and Ben Chapman, speedy outfielder, passing to the Washington Senators in exchange for left handed Pitcher Joe Krauskus.

Allen, who, in the past, starred with both Cleveland and the Yankees is 35 years old and has a major league record of 117 victories and 53 defeats. He had his best year in 1936, his first with the Cleveland outfit, winning fifteen games in a row, losing finally on the last day of the season, for a won and lost percentage of .938. Very temperamental, the righthander has had many flurries with umpires and is now apparently on his way out. He has had recurring arm trouble.

The 32-year-old Chapman, once king of base stealers, and hailed in blurbs as the successor to Ty Cobb, proved a failure in Cleveland. In the two seasons since he came from the Boston Red Sox he didn't bat .300 and his failure to deliver in the clutches last season is one of the reason the Indians failed to capture the pennant. His departure for Krauskus would seem to benefit the Tribe as his best days are over and Krauskus shows promise of developing, as he is only 24 years old. Although the young southpaw won only one game while losing six last year he figures to improve under the expert handling of Rollie Hensley.

The \$20,000 spent by the Browns for Allen will not be regretted if the veterans hurler has completed recovered from the arm injury which hampered him last season. The one time ace of the Cleveland staff who won 9, lost 8 in 1940 is the fourth pitcher bought by the Browns in an effort to bolster their sad mound corps. In previous trades St. Louis got George Caster from the Philadelphia Athletics, and Deany Galehouse and Fred Ostermueller from the Boston Red Sox.

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**Rodney's Roundup**

HENRY ARMSTRONG blew into town yesterday, said he felt fine, cuts over eyes were healed and he expects to wind up his career on a more positive note by recapturing the welterweight title from Fritz Zivic in January.

Whether or not he can beat Zivic (we don't think he can any more—he's really gone down), the decision to go through with the fight instead of retiring is a bad one. Henry doesn't have to worry about any last "positive note" as far asistic history goes. His very positive record leaves him beyond any doubt the greatest little fighter of all times.

His feeling that he should end with a win is undoubtedly a sincere one stemming from a great pride of craft—but the fact that Manager Eddie Meade, who made plenty with Henry, helped him make that decision instead of taking him out of it, is no great tribute to Manager Eddie Meade. Meade knows Armstrong shouldn't fight again and money . . . what you do is sportsmanship . . .

ANOTHER TOUTED big center comes into the Garden tonight with the University of Illinois team. Some of these big boys who roll up the scores are good and some aren't. A player like Syracuse's Paul Kartikas tallies a lot of points against minor opposition, but you didn't notice him doing much business against the cage-wise NYU team last week. With all due respect, he has to be categorized as a "staff"—that is, a big guy who parks his backside near the basket and can make just one kind of shot. If he's stopped on that he can't do anything else and doesn't help his team much. The three big centers we've seen who come to mind who weren't staffs were the magnificent and fluent Art Stoofen of these Stamford Laughing Boys, Nowack of Notre Dame and Dehner of Illinois. Buu never know who's a stiff until he gets in here and you see him on the floor and not in the boxscore.

**N.B.A. Sees 'None Available' as Foe For Joe Louis**

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 25 (UP).—Joe Louis was listed in the quarterly ratings of the National Boxing Association today as the world champion of the heavyweight class, but the notation "none available" was listed in the column which ordinarily lists logical contenders.

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ing boxers in the heavyweight division and Abe Simons of New York, regarded as a likely opponent for Joe Louis in March, was rated an honorable mention along with seven others.

Billy Conn, who announced yesterday he would relinquish his light heavyweight title before meeting Louis in June, still was listed by the NBA as light heavyweight champion. Saddy said contenders in that class would be eligible to compete in tournaments for Conn's title. Listed as eligibles were Melio Battatina, New York; Anton Chistofidis, Greece; Len Harvey, England; Gura Leesovich, New Jersey; Jimmy Webb, Missouri; Turkey Thompson and Tommy Tucker, California.

**Rumor Has Blaik Taking Over Army Coach Job**

WEST POINT, N. Y., Dec. 25 (UP).—Earl Blaik, a 1920 graduate of the U. S. Military Academy who is now head football coach at Dartmouth in June, still was listed by the NBA as light heavyweight champion. Saddy said contenders in that class would be eligible to compete in tournaments for Conn's title.

Officials were besieged with queries last night following reports that Blaik would succeed Capt. Bill Wood as army football mentor.

Wood, who completed his three year football hitch this year, was assigned to active duty at Fort Bliss, Tex.

**Courtfest Under Way as CCNY, Jaspers Meet Foe**

Santa Clara, Illinois Favored Over Locals at Garden Tonight in First of Three Holiday Twin Bills—Holman Still Optimistic

The first of three holiday week double headers hits the hardwood at Madison Square Garden tonight when still unbeaten Manhattan faces Illinois and, er, CCNY meets unbeaten Santa Clara, kingspins of the Pacific Coast (sometimes known as Davefarrelland.)

Manhattan didn't receive much attention from the experts early in the year, but has done famously well in disposing of its four early opponents. Bob Crist has been ringing the bell from all over the court, Leon Thompson is tremendously improved and the only newcomer, center Courtney, has made a real difference. Little man-big scorer Kravets, and steady floorman Bill Schwitzer have rounded out the combination nicely.

Illinois once beaten but fresh from the almost unheard of feat of dumping Notre Dame on the South Bend court, comes in with a good Big Nine team, and that means plenty of trouble for everyone. Never mind their names. You'll hear them after tonight.

CCNY, opening the season with great prospects, has been up to twice, yet Nat Holman remains as he says, "unaccountably optimistic" about the chances of the boys in Lavender starting to hit on their shots and becoming a great team. City will be underdog against a Santa Clara team lacking only one of the players who raced up and down the floor so spectacularly last year in trimming Holman's then inexperienced charges. The West Coast bronses have been averaging their usual 50 points a game. They can be scored on, but how they can score right back and then some!

Al Goldstein and Al Winograd will be in the lineup instead of Monito and Scheinkman. Holtzman, Gerson and Phillips round out the starting quint. So far the combination nicely.

**Masterson to UCLA**

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25 (UP).—Bernie Masterson, who quarterbacked the Chicago Bears professional football team to the national championship, has been appointed backfield coach of the University of California at Los Angeles, it was announced today.

**THE SELECTIONS:** A conservative nod to Illinois and Santa Clara, with three cheers for the local lads. L. R.

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